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1. The old Kosice airfield, which was situated at the southern extremity of the town, near the Kosice - Barca highway, was deactivated in 1951 and a new factory was built on the area it had occupied. This factory belongs to the East Slovakian Machinery Plants (Vychodoslovenske strojirny), National Enterprise, and manufactures bridge components for export.
2. Construction of the new airfield at Kosice began in 1949 and it was completed in 1951.
3. The new Kosice Airfield is bounded in the northeast by the Myslavsky brook, whose banks are covered with shrubs. In the northwest and west it is bounded by the Kosice - Buzinka - Turna asphalt highway. In the south there are fields and the 22,000-volt high-tension overhead power line between Polov and Barca. The cables are strung on wooden poles some 13 or 14 meters above the ground. In the east, the airfield adjoins the fields of the village of Barca.
4. Kosice Airfield is 220 meters above sea level; it has a hard humus soil foundation, sloping from west to east. The whole area of the field, which is approximately 3,000 meters long and 2,000 meters wide, is equipped with drainage facilities. Existing old irrigation channels were all obliterated, except the one in the southern part of the field (No. 10 of the annexed sketch).
5. The runway is grassy and solid. As it is possible even for heavy aircraft to land on the field in any sort of weather, the construction of the planned concrete runway will probably be put off. Heavy civilian aircraft take off toward the north, in the direction of Kosice, and lighter sports aircraft take off to the east, toward Barca.
6. There is no illumination of the field and no night traffic. The field is marked by red and white landing markers. The field is absolutely flat, and aircraft can land and take off in any direction.

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7. A brick hangar with a ferro-concrete frame lies at the end of the taxiway, which is some 1,500 meters long, in the middle of the northwestern part of the airfield. This hangar is 70 by 180 meters in area and approximately 18 or 20 meters high, with a dome-shaped ceiling. It is divided into four parts: two belong to the Kosice Aeroklub and two to the military administration of the field. The latter two parts are locked and sealed. The sliding gates of this building face the north and south. Another hangar is still under construction, to the west of the first one. The new hangar is to be about 200 meters long and 100 meters wide.
8. There is a wooden guardroom three by four meters in size at the end of the taxiway. Usually six SNB members check on persons entering the airfield.
9. Not far from the guardroom stands the brick two story building of the airfield administration, which contains the Czechoslovak Airlines office, technical offices and passenger waiting room, where SNB personnel search passengers for arms.
10. The field's radio transmitter is located in the administration building, which also contains the telephone switchboard.
11. There are seven biplanes for towing gliders at the Kosice Airfield and there are also a number of Sohaj and Lunak gliders.
12. The field is used for civilian transportation. Passengers are searched before boarding planes, and cameras are confiscated. The field can be used by bombers, as the runway is approximately 2½ km. long and its surface is hard.
13. The field is connected with the highway by a concrete road approximately 1,500 meters long. Passengers are brought to the field from the Slovan Hotel, Kosice, Legionarska 7, by Czechoslovak Airlines buses. Members of the Aeroklub can only enter the field in groups, and their passes are checked by the SNB.
14. The airfield has no fuel dump. Fuel is stored in barrels which are kept between the two hangars.
15. Electric current is supplied by the Kosice power station.
16. The chairman of the Kosice Aeroklub is Karel Adamec, an employee of the East Slovakian Machinery Plants in Kosice. The club has some 50 or 60 members, chiefly students of the J.V. Stalin Technical College. They may join without any special loyalty checks and training is free. They fly each Saturday and Sunday. There are no strict prohibitions against flying in Kosice as there are in other Czechoslovakian towns, for it is impossible to escape across the border from there in Aeroklub plane.

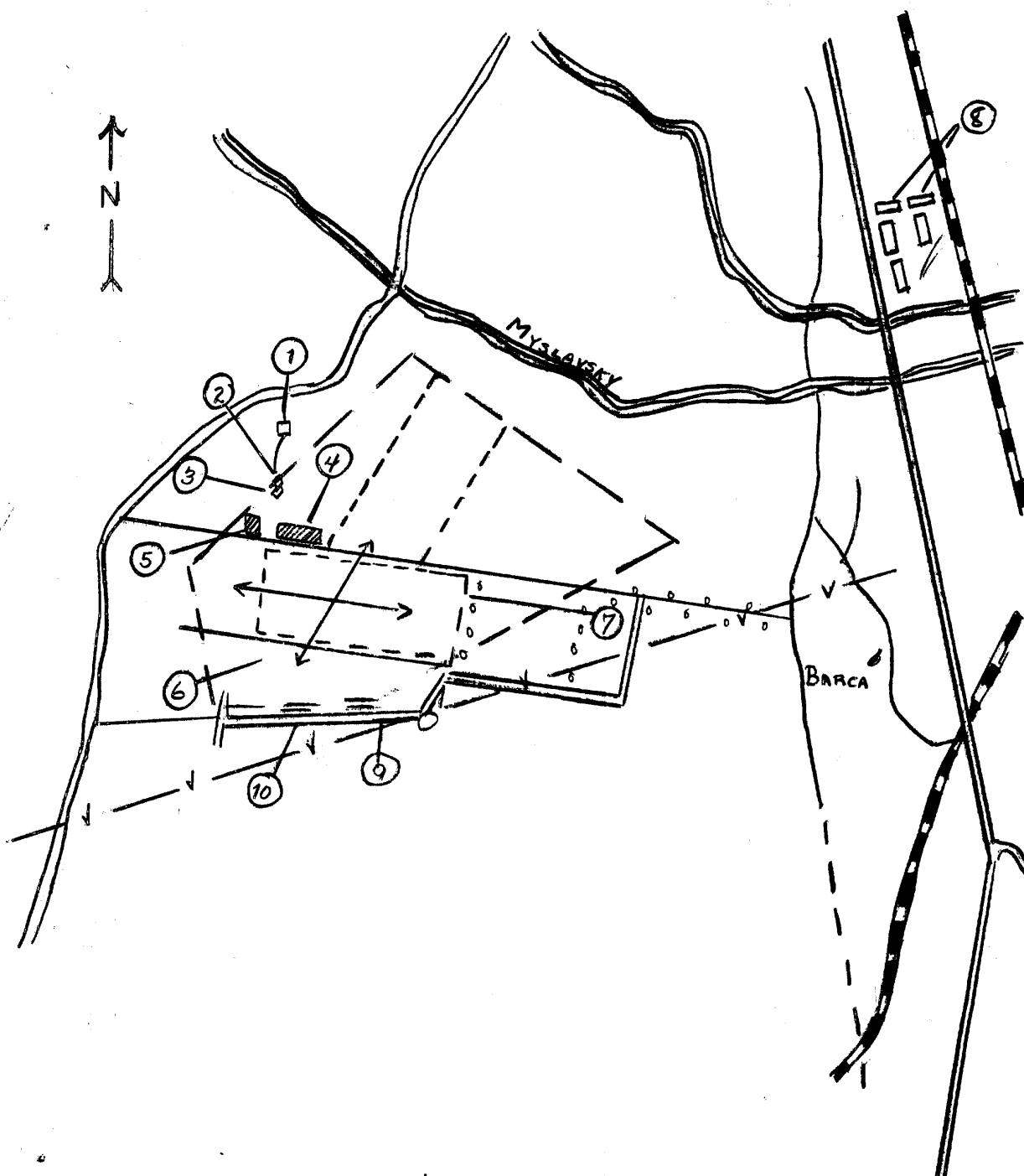
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Civilian and Army Airfield, Kosice



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Legend:

1. Concrete connecting road.
2. Guardroom.
3. Administration and CSA waiting room.
4. Hangar.
5. Hangar under construction.
6. Area of the airfield.
7. Direction of runways.
8. Old airfield.
9. High-tension overhead power line.
10. Old irrigation channel.

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